Dog Rescue Newcastle Adoption Agreement

Instructions

Please read. 2 copies must be filled-out and signed with each adoption. 1 copy is given to the person adopting. The 2nd copy is retained by the foster carer then forwarded to DRN with the C3B form and proof of payment.

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1. The adoption fee must be paid in full before you can take the animal home. A two-week trial period commences from the date you pick up or receive the animal. Should you feel during this period that the animal is not suitable, you must return the animal to Dog Rescue Newcastle (DRN) at your own expense.
   1.1. *Animals that were less than 4 months old when adopted:* If you return the animal, either during or after the trial period, there will be no refund given.
   1.2. *Animals that were 4 months or older when adopted:* If you return the animal within the trial period, then the Adoption Fee is refunded less 50%, or any deposit paid whichever is greater. In other words, you forfeit either half of the adoption fee or any deposit paid, whichever is greater. If you return the animal after the trial period there will be no refund given.
2. You agree to maintain and house the animal in conditions that comply with the current standards as outlined in the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 or later. You agree to abide by any State laws relevant to the safety of the animal during and after the trial period.
3. The animal will at all times wear a collar with an identification tag attached as required by the NSW Companion Animals Act.
4. You understand that a member of DRN may inspect your premises to ensure the safety and security of the animal before and during the trial period.
5. Adult animals must be desexed within two weeks of adoption. Puppies must be desexed no later than 6 months old. Kittens must be desexed when they weigh at least 2 kg or no later than 4 months old. If you think exceptional circumstances apply then you can apply for written permission from DRN to delay the procedure.
   5.1. If the animal has not been desexed before adoption you agree to make him or her available for Mandatory Desexing as soon as practicable. When advised of an appointment at a DRN Nominated Veterinary Practice, you agree to present the animal, and provide appropriate post-surgical care. The cost of desexing at one of our approved vets is included in the adoption fee.
   5.2. Where alternate arrangements are made with DRN for desexing this animal, you agree to provide DRN with a legible copy of the Desexing Certificate by mail within two weeks.
6. Puppies must be vaccinated at 8, 12 and 16 weeks old. If you adopt a puppy who has not yet had his 2nd vaccination, your adoption fee includes the 2nd (12 week) vaccination done at one of our approved vets. The puppy may be vaccinated by a vet nurse and does not get an examination or consultation by a vet. If you want a veterinary consultation you will need to pay the vet's usual fee.
7. You DO NOT become the legal owner of the animal until the completion of the trial period and the animal is registered in your name.
8. Your animal is microchipped but may or may not be already registered. Four to six weeks after adoption you'll receive a certificate in the mail from the NSW Companion Animals Registry. If you receive a "Certificate of Registration" then your animal is already registered and you don't need to do anything further. If you receive a "Certificate of Identification" then you agree to register your animal within 14 days of receipt of the certificate. If your animal is not yet desexed, you can wait until after he/she is desexed, then you must register him/her before he/she is 6 months old. It is *your* responsibility to register your animal with your local council.

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9. We do not guarantee the animal's age, breed, adult size, or temperament. You accept an animal at your own risk. We are not responsible for any death, damage or injury to people, animals or property which may be caused by the animal during or after the trial period.
10. You agree to take responsibility for any damage or injury caused by the animal during the trial period. Should damage or injury occur, it is recommended you return the animal to DRN as soon as possible. After the expiry of the trial period, you become legally responsible for the animal and its actions under current Local, State and Federal Law.
11. You agree to take responsibility for any costs incurred should the animal be impounded by council, RSPCA or other authority, during or after the trial period. You must notify DRN and pay to have the animal released even if you no longer wish to retain ownership.
12. During the trial period, should the animal require medical attention, you will contact DRN and follow the directions given. You understand that DRN will only cover costs of treating conditions that existed before the trial period. Any veterinary costs incurred for pre-existing conditions will not be refunded unless the animal is presented to a clinic agreed to by DRN.
13. During the trial period, should the animal be injured (such as in a road accident), all veterinary costs are your responsibility, not DRN. However, DRN should be notified immediately.
14. Should you decide at any time to surrender, give away or sell the animal, you agree to contact DRN and gain their advice and consent.
15. After the trial period, if you wish to surrender the animal back to DRN, you must do so with the understanding that no money can change hands. DRN may however re-home the animal and any money raised will be directed into the rescue of future animals.
16. An animal adopted from DRN cannot be sold or used to make any profit for the new owners or persons associated with those owners. If the Owner wishes to offer this animal to a third party, they must advise DRN and gain their approval prior to any transaction.
17. Should at any time during or after the trial period, DRN is of the belief that an adopted animal is being mistreated or at risk, DRN may seize that animal without notice. The animal will only be returned to the Owner after DRN considers the situation resolved and the animal faces no further threat. Should DRN feel the situation cannot be resolved then they may list the animal for re-homing whereby the owner will receive no money or refund.

Name of the Pet: _____ Breed: _____
Description/Markings: _____

Microchip Number: _____ Adoption Fee Paid: $_____

Name of Person Adopting the Pet (Print): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone No.'s (home, work, mobile): _____

Email (PRINT CLEARLY): _____

I agree to abide by the terms of the Dog Rescue Newcastle Adoption Agreement above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Foster Carer's Full Name (Print): _____ Email: _____
Representative of DRN (Print): _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____